

HOUSE BILL No. 1615

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 6-3.1-31.

Synopsis: Fresh start income tax credit. Establishes a state income tax credit for a taxpayer that employs an individual who within the preceding four years was either: (1) convicted of a felony; or (2) released from incarceration for conviction of a felony. Provides that the amount of the credit each taxable year is \$500 per qualifying employee.

Effective: January 1, 2008.

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January 23, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning taxation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 6-3.1-31 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JANUARY 1, 2008]:

4 **Chapter 31. Fresh Start Tax Credit**

5 **Sec. 1.** As used in this chapter, "felony" has the meaning set
6 forth in IC 33-23-1-5.

7 **Sec. 2.** As used in this chapter, "full-time basis" means at least
8 thirty (30) hours per week.

9 **Sec. 3.** As used in this chapter, "pass through entity" means the
10 following:

11 (1) A corporation that is exempt from the adjusted gross
12 income tax under IC 6-3-2-2.8(2).

13 (2) A partnership.

14 (3) A limited liability company.

15 (4) A limited liability partnership.

16 **Sec. 4.** As used in this chapter, "qualified employee" as of a
17 specified date means an individual that was either:

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(1) convicted of a felony; or
 (2) released from incarceration for conviction of a felony;
 within the immediately preceding four (4) years from the specified
 date.

Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "state tax liability" means a taxpayer's total tax liability that is incurred under:

- (1) IC 6-3-1 through IC 6-3-7 (the adjusted gross income tax);
- (2) IC 6-5.5 (the financial institutions tax); and
- (3) IC 27-1-18-2 (the insurance premiums tax);

as computed after the application of the credits that under IC 6-3.1-1-2 are to be applied before the credit provided by this chapter.

Sec. 6. As used in this chapter, "taxpayer" means an individual or entity that has state tax liability.

Sec. 7. (a) Each taxable year, a taxpayer is entitled to a credit against the taxpayer's state tax liability for employing one (1) or more qualified employees on a full-time basis during the taxable year.

(b) For each taxable year, the amount of the credit provided by subsection (a) is an amount equal to:

- (1) five hundred dollars (\$500); multiplied by
- (2) the number of person years that a taxpayer employs one (1) or more qualified employees on a full-time basis during the taxable year, as determined in subsection (c).

(c) The number of person years that a taxpayer employs one (1) or more qualified employees on a full-time basis during a taxable year is the amount determined under STEP THREE of the following formula:

STEP ONE: For each qualified employee employed by the taxpayer during the taxable year, determine the number of months during the taxable year that the taxpayer employed the qualified employee on a full-time basis.

STEP TWO: Determine the sum of the STEP ONE results.

STEP THREE: Divide:

- (A) the STEP TWO result; by
- (B) twelve (12).

Sec. 8. (a) If the credit provided by this chapter exceeds the taxpayer's state tax liability for the taxable year for which the credit is first claimed, the excess may be carried forward to succeeding taxable years and used as a credit against the taxpayer's state tax liability during those taxable years. Each time that the credit is carried forward to a succeeding taxable year, the

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credit is to be reduced by the amount that was used as a credit during the immediately preceding taxable year. The credit provided by this chapter may be carried forward and applied to succeeding taxable years for nine (9) taxable years following the taxable year in which the credit is originally claimed.

(b) A taxpayer is not entitled to any carryback or refund of any unused credit.

Sec. 9. If a pass through entity does not have state tax liability against which the credit granted by this chapter may be applied, a shareholder, partner, or member of the pass through entity is entitled to a credit equal to:

(1) the credit determined for the pass through entity for the taxable year; multiplied by

(2) the percentage of the pass through entity's distributive income to which the shareholder, partner, or member is entitled.

Sec. 10. To obtain a credit under this chapter, a taxpayer must claim the credit in the manner prescribed by the department. The taxpayer shall submit to the department all information that the department determines is necessary to calculate the credit provided by this chapter.

SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008] IC 6-3.1-31, as added by this act, applies only to taxable years that begin after December 31, 2007.

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